



Sports Gambling: Sports Integrity

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Sports Gambling Terms

Book – Establishment that accepts bets on the outcome of sporting events.

Handle – Total amount of bets taken

Hold – Percentage the house wins

In-play wagering - Opportunity to place bets during a sporting event

Proposition Wager – Wager on the occurrence or non-occurrence of an event or statistical result not directly affecting the final result

Sports Gambling Terms

Insider Trading – Information on players or the outcome of an event that is not public, but known by a person due to a connection to a sport or team

Esports - Multiplayer video games played competitively for in-person and online spectators

Geo-fence - Virtual geographic boundary, defined by GPS or RFID technology, that enables software to trigger a response when a mobile device enters or leaves a particular area

Kiosk – Self-service electronic device that facilitates wagering



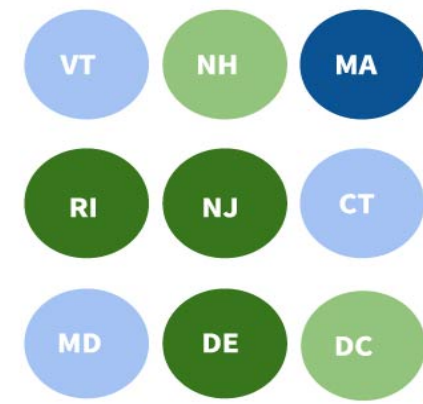
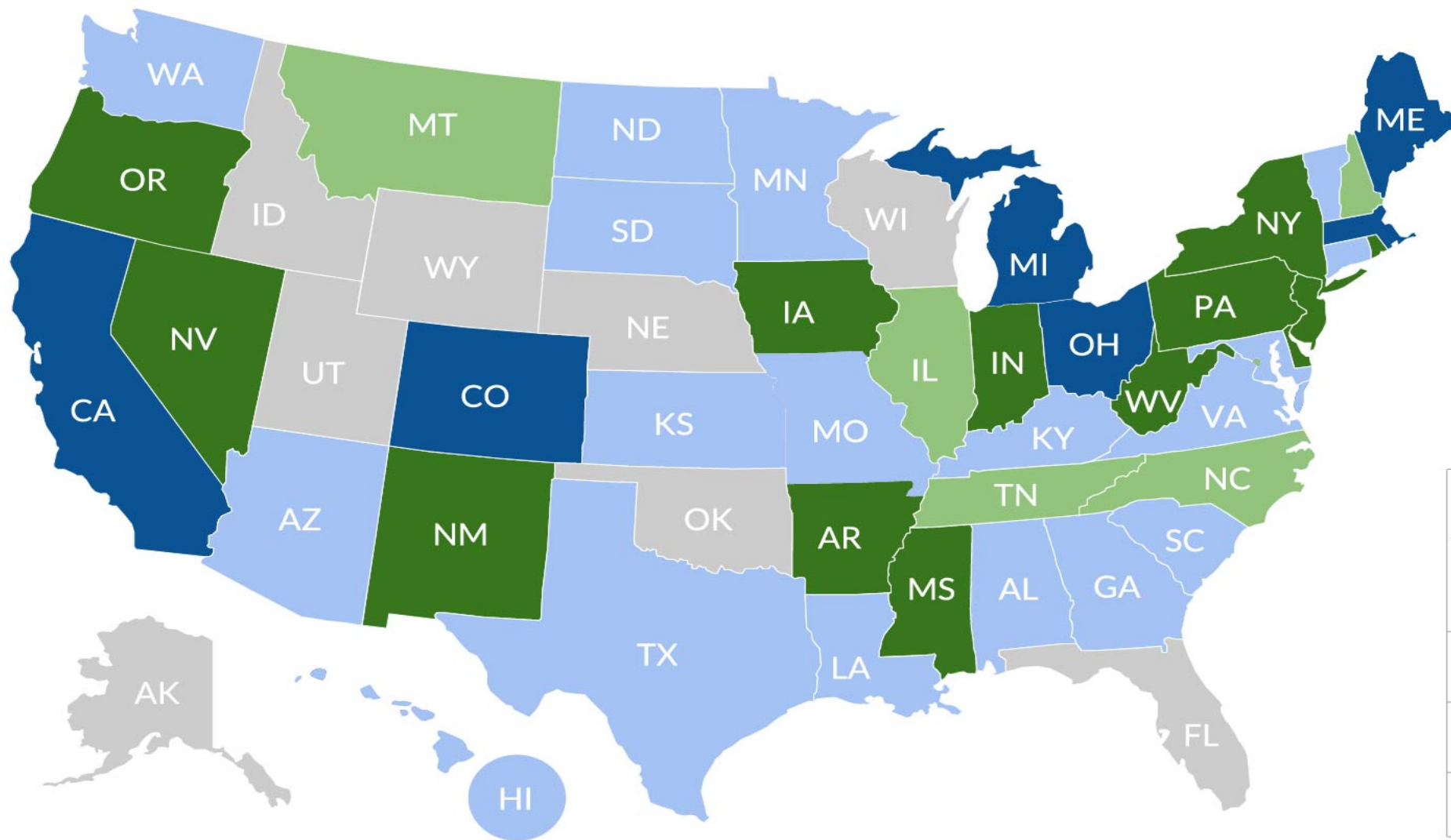
Sports Gambling Terms

Match Fixing, Diving, or Throwing a game – Action or practice of dishonestly pre-determining the outcome of a game or contest

Point Shaving – An attempt (by the team favored to win) to influence the final score of a game so that the predicted winner wins by less than the point spread

Spot Fixing– Manipulation of a statistical result in a game, unrelated to the final result

Tanking – A player or team intentionally playing below their ability so that they lose a game



Green	Live Legal Single Game Sports Betting (13 states)
Lt. Green	Authorized Sports Betting, but Not Yet Operational (5 states + DC)
Blue	Active 2019 Sports Betting Legislation/Ballot (6 states)
Lt. Blue	Dead Sports Betting Legislation in 2019 (18 states)
Gray	No Sports Betting Bills in 2019 (8 states)



Sports Integrity Stakeholders



Leagues & Teams



Operators



Integrity Providers



Gaming Commissions

CONTEST MANIPULATION

Bribes | Cheating
Match-fixing | Point Shaving
Spot-fixing | Tanking

Fixing a game



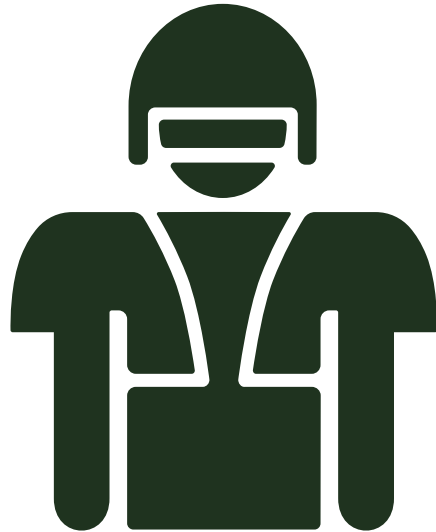
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The individual identifies a “target” who has the ability to affect the outcome



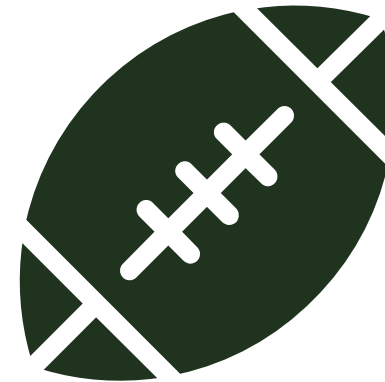
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The game is played and the “target” works to achieve the desired outcome



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An agreement is made. The “target” will receive payment for the desired outcome



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The “target” is paid for manipulating the game and achieving the desired outcome

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An individual decides he/she wants to manipulate the outcome of a sporting event

Conditions needed to fix a game

- 1 Access to a liquid gambling market that can handle the risk exposure
- 2 Low risk of detection by law enforcement or sports leagues
- 3 Access to a target who is not likely to report being approached
- 4 Bribe/offer is large enough to outweigh potential risk for target
- 5 Reasonable certainty the target can produce desired result



DEFENSE AGAINST MATCH-FIXING

STRONG LEAGUE RULES & POLICIES

LEGAL SPORTS GAMBLING MARKETS

EFFECTIVE LAWS & LAW ENFORCEMENT

STRONG GAMBLING REGULATORS

WA Sports Integrity Laws

Baseball match-fixing laws (1921) RCW 67.04

Crime for offering bribe

Crime for taking bribe

Covers all possible actors in a baseball game

Corrupt baseball playing crime – can't "throw" a game

Prosecuted in county where crime or game occurred

Applies to games where public is invited to attend and general admission fee is charged

WA Sports Integrity Laws

Sporting contest match-fixing laws (1945)

RCW 67.24

Crime to bribe, match-fix, or cheat using tricks or devices to influence or change the outcome of a sporting event

Class B felony

WA Sports Integrity Laws

Gambling Act RCW 9.46

Professional Gambling

Defined legal sports pools

Transmission of gambling information

Broad injunctive authority to stop illegal gambling activities

Policy suggestions

- 1 Licensees must share info & intel on suspicious betting patterns
- 2 Incentivize cooperation between governing bodies and law enforcement
- 3 Establish integrity unit within law enforcement agency to analyze data
- 4 Define criminal offenses to include game manipulation
- 5 Whistleblower protections and other incentives to come forward



Questions?

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